



# STAFF BULLETIN



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## TRUSTEES VOTE 5-3 TO APPROVE INDEPENDENCE FOR OU

The MSU Board of Trustees voted Friday to approve independence for Oakland University on a date to be set by legislation. House Bill 3896, introduced by Rep. George F. Montgomery of Detroit, calls for an independence date of July 1. The long-awaited board vote was 5-3, with "no" votes cast by trustees Warren Huff, Clair White and Frank Hartman.

Independence specifically would put OU under its own eight-member board, to be appointed by the governor. In a public statement issued after Friday's vote, Chancellor O'Dowd said "At this point in our history, the thrust of our development, the nature of our program, and the magnitude of our operation clearly require the assistance and guidance of a fulltime board. We believe this change to be appropriate at this time, and look forward with enthusiasm to serving the State of Michigan and its young men and women in our new role as an independent university."

## UJAMAA PLAY TUESDAY

The University community is invited free of charge to attend the first campus performance of the new dramatic group known as the Ujamaa Theatre Workshop, an offshoot of the Pontiac Black Cultural Center. The group will perform Elizabeth Blake's "The Man Nobody Saw" at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Meadow Brook Estate clubhouse. The play is concerned with racism in America and it will be followed by a discussion with the cast and audience. The performance is being sponsored by the "Contemporary Issues" group of the University Women's Club. Entrance to the estate is on Adams Road about a half mile south of Walton Boulevard.

## OU TO HONOR VARNER

A proposal to focus the spring Commencement ceremony on "Chancellor Varner and his great contributions to Oakland University" was approved last week by the Board of Trustees. Varner will be the principal Commencement speaker and, in a change from usual practice, he will be the only honorary degree recipient. He will receive a Doctor of Humanities degree. Varner, now chancellor of the University of Nebraska system, was chief architect of Oakland since its founding in 1957 until he accepted the Nebraska post last month.

## CROWDER WINS OFFICE

Troy F. Crowder (University Relations) was elected last week at the annual conference of the Great Lakes District of the American College Public Relations Association as district director for the 1971-72 year. He served as program chairman for the conference.



## LEAVES, PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENTS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES

Two leaves of absence, one promotion and four appointments to the OU faculty were among personnel items approved last week by the Board of Trustees. Leaves, both for the 1970-71 year, will be taken by two history department members, W. Patrick Strauss, who was awarded a Fulbright-Hays lectureship to teach in Hong Kong, and Leonard Bushkoff, who plans to write in the Boston area.

In other action the board approved the promotion of James M. Bingham (education) from instructor to assistant professor, and the appointment of John Marney, assistant professor of Chinese; Robert J. Christina, instructor in education; Joel S. Fink, instructor in education, and W. Dorsey Hammond, assistant professor of education. Marney, who lives in Pontiac, has been on the faculty this past year as a visiting assistant professor. He is a doctoral candidate at the University of Wisconsin and did his undergraduate work at London University before pursuing graduate studies at Oxford. Christina is a doctoral student at Syracuse University, from which he received his master's degree, and received his bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg State. Fink holds bachelor's degrees from Boston University and Hebrew Teachers College and a master's degree from Harvard. Hammond, formerly a reading specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education, holds a bachelor's degree from Washington College and master's degree and doctorate from the University of Delaware.

## C-T'S MEET

A meeting of the newly-organized Clerical-Technical Association was held Monday, March 16. Following the dissolution of the *ad hoc* fact-finding committee, Patricia McAlpine (Public Safety) was elected chairman. Elected to the by-laws committee were Dorothy Crawford (Food Service), Virginia Chandler (Allport College), Connie Cummings (Business Office), Eleanor Driver (Continuum Center), Barbara Gaves (Accounting and Payroll), Delmer Milbocker (Food Service) and Mary Wood (Chancellor's Office).

Bertha Ginter (Purchasing), Roger Harris (Computing Center), Thelma Kehoe (Provost's Office), Betty Lerner (Oakland Center) and Charles Olsson (Audio-Visual) were elected to the nominating committee. Two positions on this committee will be filled following reballoting on a three-way tie.

## THEFTS REPORTED

Public Safety reports that thefts from offices and classrooms are becoming more frequent. It is requested that offices with stored valuables in them contact public safety so that security guards will be certain to check the premises.

## SUPPORTS DIABETES STUDY

Among gifts and grants accepted in behalf of OU by the trustees at last week's monthly meeting was one for \$2,950 from the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness to support research on blood aqueous barriers in diabetes, under the direction of S.D. Varma of the Institute of Biological Sciences.

## CAP AND GOWN RENTAL

Thursday, March 26, is the deadline for ordering caps and gowns for the April Commencement. Those wishing to do so should fill out the IBM card previously received and return it to the Book Center.



### CHARTER GROUPS AND FIVE-YEAR EMPLOYEES TO BE HONORED AT BANQUET

Fifty-four staffers--including 27 who have been around since "Day One"-- will be honored tonight for their long service to the University. This will be the first time that the annual employee recognition dinner will honor ten-year as well as five-year employees. Among the distinguished list are former Chancellor D. B. Varner and former English department chairman Robert Hoopes, both of whom left Oakland in February. Neither is expected to be on hand for the recognition banquet.

Chancellor O'Dowd will preside at the banquet, which will be held in the Oakland Center cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided by two graduates and two upper-classmen of the Academy of Dramatic Art. James Sutorius and Dorothy Mallam, who are now journeymen with the Meadow Brook Theatre, will give dramatic readings, and ADA students Michael Ellis and Diane Bugas will do a Mike Nichols-Elaine May comedy skit.

"Charter Faculty" key rings will be presented to Varner, Hoopes, Richard Burke, Lowell Eklund, Thomas Fitzsimmons, William Hammerle, Helen Kovach, George Matthews, James McKay, William Schwab, Robert Swanson, Paul Tombulian and Gertrude White. "Charter Staff" key rings will go to Edward (Charlie) Brown, Hollie Lepley, Clare McVety, Mondine McNeil, Richard Moore, George Karas, Elizabeth Pierce, Herbert Stoutenburg and Marian Wilson.

Key rings denoting five-year service will be presented to faculty members V. John Barnard, Marc Briod, Morris Brose, William Bryant, John Cameron, Floyd Cammack, James Davis, John Dettman, Alice Engram, Clifford Harding, Don Iodice, W.W. Kent, Roger Marz, Amit Tagore, Carl Vann and Walter Wilson, and to staff members Thomas Aston, Nancy Covert, Dorothy Crawford, Troy Crowder, Jerry Dahlman, Jean Dion, Mary Dupuie, Letha Grant, Pauline Jones, William Jones, James Oates, Gladys Rapoport, Robert Stocker, Grace Strong, Charles Taylor and Faye Thomas.

### 3 OU FACULTY PARTICIPATE AT MEETING

Three OU faculty members will be participating in the 74th annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, April 2-4 at Wayne State University. They are Robert Eberwein (English) who is serving as vice chairman of the Language and Literature section; Donald E. Morse (English) will present a paper entitled "The Skull Beneath the Skin: J. P. Donleavy's *The Ginger Man*"; and Sid Mittra (Economics and Management) will serve as the discussant for the monetary theory and policy session of the economics section. The Academy, which includes 26 Michigan colleges and universities in its membership, promotes scholarship and research.

**SINGER CHAIRS SYMPOSIUM** Philip Singer (Sociology and Anthropology, Allport) is chairman of a symposium of Society for Applied Anthropology in Boulder, Colorado, April 1-5. "Basic Assumptions and Applications to the Field Study of Cultural Pluralism with Specific Reference to Overseas Indians." Mr. Henry Kennedy (Political Science) will present a paper at the Symposium.

**DWYER SPEAKS** Donald Dwyer (Art) spoke March 13 at Cornell University Department of Architecture. The subject of his address was "The Inescapable Tradition: Central European Baroque Churches and the Gothic."



## Calendar

Monday March 23	11:00 a.m.	O.C. Board Brown Bag Film Series presents "A Face of War," Gold Room (Also shown at 1 and 8 p.m.)
	4:30 p.m.	Fritz Lang Festival presents "Hangmen Also Die," 201 Dodge Hall, admission 50¢ (Also shown at 9:15)
	7:00 p.m.	Fritz Lang Festival presents "Ministry of Fear" 201 Dodge Hall, admission 50¢
Tuesday March 24	4:30 p.m.	Fritz Lang Festival presents "Woman in the Window" (Also shown at 9:15)
	7:00 p.m.	Fritz Lang Festival presents "Cloak and Dagger"
	8:15 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play Summer and Smoke
Wednesday March 25	2:00 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play Summer and Smoke
	4:00 p.m.	Department of Sociology-Anthropology presents "Tittcut Follies" 190 Hannah Hall - free
	4:30 p.m.	Fritz Lang Festival presents "Scarlett Street" (Also at 7) Fritz Lang will speak after the 7:00 performance. 201 Dodge Hall - \$2 admission
	8:15 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play Summer and Smoke
Thursday March 26	4:30 p.m.	Fritz Lang Festival presents "M" 190 Hannah Hall (Also at 7) Fritz Lang will speak after the 7:00 showing. \$2 admission
	8:15 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play Summer and Smoke
Friday March 27	4:30 p.m.	Fritz Lang Festival presents "Rancho Notorious" (Also at 10)
	8:00 p.m.	University Film Series presents "Repulsion" 201 Dodge Hall - admission 75¢
	8:15 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play Summer and Smoke
Saturday March 28	6:15 p.m.	Fritz Lang Festival presents "Moonfleet" (Also shown at 10)
	8:00 p.m.	University Film Series presents "Repulsion" 201 Dodge Hall - admission 75¢
	8:15 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play Summer and Smoke
Sunday March 29	6:30 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play Summer and Smoke
	8:00 p.m.	University Film Series "Repulsion" 201 Dodge - 75¢ admission